



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## May 2013

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The SRO and other department members participated in the DUI Fatal Crash Reenactment at the Wethersfield High School on May 14, 2013.

The department's K-9 Unit members, Sergeant Jennie Rivera and K-9 Elaine, Officer Baich and K-9 Owen and Officer Martins conducted three D.A.R.E. demonstrations at local schools for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The department was awarded with Connecticut State reaccreditation in May at CT-P.O.S.T. Academy in Meriden, CT.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated at the NERLEEA Stations Day at the Police Academy in Meriden.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day entitled "**Active Shooting Response**" on May 7, 2013. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this class the police department received free tuition for the four employees that attended.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program on Thursday, May 13, 2013. This course was held in the WPD Community Room.

On Thursday May 23, 2013 the Wethersfield Police Department hired Mr. Derek Leab and Ms. Jessica Ficara as Probationary Police Officers. Both are already certified Police Officers saving the town the cost of academy training. Both have begun Field Training and are expected to be working on their own by July 2013.

Probationary Police Officer Joel Diloreto has completed fifteen weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in June 2013.

Probationary Police Officers Justin Hilchuk has completed nine weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in September, 2013.

Wethersfield Police Officers assisted other Mid-State towns at two DUI checkpoints, one in Berlin and one in Cromwell. There are additional checkpoints scheduled in the five Mid-State towns during the next several months.

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Patrol Division**

#### **Patrol Division (Case of Interest)**

On Wednesday May 1, 2013, at approximately 3:14 AM several officers were dispatched to Coleman Road on a suspicious complaint. The caller reported that she observed two males by her vehicle and that when she yelled at them, they returned to their vehicle and left traveling west on Coleman Road towards Wolcott Hill Road. One responding officer saw a car driving north on Wolcott Hill Road coming from the area of Coleman Road. The officer saw this car turn abruptly onto Nott Street. The officer then saw the car make an abrupt right turn on to Park Avenue. The officer stopped the car on Park Avenue. The driver and the passenger had no identification on their person. The officers were given permission to search the car and located in plain view a Garmin Nuvi GPS with charging cable, two IPOD Nanos, an IPOD charging cable, two audio headphones, a Nikon CoolPix digital camera, and a small amount of money. Another officer located a TDBANK debit card just outside the passenger side of the vehicle. These items were seized as evidence. The officers located the owner of the debit card and discovered that both vehicles in that driveway had been rummaged through. The car owner noticed that the cars were a mess and that there were items missing. Several of the items that were found in the stopped car belonged to the woman that owned the debit card. The two persons that were inside the car that was stopped were arrested and transported to headquarters for processing. The driver was charged with Larceny 6th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 6 and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License. He was held on a \$5,000.00 bond and was transported to court later that same morning. The passenger was charged with Larceny 6th degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 6. He was later charged with Forgery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Interfering with Police as it was discovered that he gave a false name during the initial arrest process. He was held on a \$5,000.00 bond and was transported to court later that same morning.

On Friday, May 24, 2013 at approximately 6:45 PM officers were dispatched to the area of the Silas Deane Highway and Beverly Road on a report of a road rage incident. Dispatch stated that two vehicles were pulled over. The first arriving officer saw the two vehicles, a silver Chevy pickup and a black Nissan Sentra, with its hazard lights on. As the officer was stopped talking to the driver of the pickup truck, the Nissan took off at a high rate of speed towards Longvue Drive. The officer followed the Nissan and saw that it turned north on Longvue Drive and then turn east on Chamberlain Road. The officer briefly lost sight of the vehicle because of its high rate of speed. Dispatch checked the registration and learned that it was registered to a home on Coleman Road. The officer pulled onto Coleman Road from

the Silas Deane Highway and saw the black Nissan pulling into its driveway. The officer stopped and approached the male exiting the car. The officer tried to talk to the male to find out what happened. He told the officer to go away and started walking towards the front door of the house. The officer could smell the odor of liquor coming from the male as he spoke. The officer told the male to stop and stay outside so they could talk. The male continued towards the door. The officer caught up to him in the breezeway. The officer told the male to step back outside. The male said no and reached for the door. The officer grabbed at the man's shirt to gesture him to come back outside. The male turned, pulling away from the officer. The officer told the male to come outside and grabbed his arm. He turned again and knocked the officer's hand off his arm. The officer tried again to grab the male, but an older female opened the front door and the male ran inside. The officer was afraid of what the male might do once inside the house. The officer thought he may be trying to get a weapon. The officer ran inside after the male and tried to get him back outside, where it was safer for the officer. The male began to actively fight the officer. The officer told the male several times to stop fighting him, however he did not. The male then started swinging his right arm at the officer's head. He struck the officer at least two times in the face and once on the right side of the officer's head with a closed fist. They fought for several minutes until backup officers arrived. Once backup officers arrived, the male was subdued and handcuffed. The male was transported to police headquarters for processing. He was charged with Assault on a Police Officer, Interfering with Police, Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup> and DWI. He was released on a \$50,000 surety bond was scheduled to appear in court on May 10, 2013.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 941 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 32 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 95 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 256 calls for service.

One infraction ticket was issued this month due to a violation captured on video from the Student Guardian school bus cameras.

One dispatcher successfully completed the Child Seat Technician training. The Department now has two certified technicians. Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed twelve child seats.

There were 82 phone calls and 53 calls for service involving animal control issues in Wethersfield. Of the calls for service, thirty-six were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Fourteen animals were impounded with four being redeemed, three carried over, three quarantined and five adopted. Cases included four dog bites. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for nine calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Wethersfield.

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 318 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, fifteen were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including sixteen males and two females. The females incarcerated by the department required 21 hours of matron coverage.

## **Training Division**

On Wednesday, May 1, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, and MPO Luis Gonzalez and Officers Ronald Floyd and Officers Jeffrey Poulin began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013 Officer Kenneth Newton and Dispatchers Lisa Fournier, Barry Skipp and Welles Hale attended a one day training class entitled **“Active Shooting Response.”** Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room, Wethersfield, CT. Course objectives specifically address the role of the public safety telecommunicator in active shooting incidents.

On Monday May 13, 2013, Officer Tyler Weerden began attending the five day **“Capital Region Police Officer Recertification Training.”** This training was held at the Farmington Police Department, Farmington, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of topics including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, emotionally disturbed persons, suicide prevention, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, Dispatcher Lauren Hammond began attending a four day training class entitled **“Child Passenger Safety Certification.”** This training was held at the Waterbury Police Training Center, Waterbury, CT. Objectives of this class were child passenger seat instruction and certification. We now have two employees who are certified in the installation of child passenger seats.

On Wednesday May 15, 2013, Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris began attending a three day training course entitled **“Interpretation and Mapping of Records.”** The training was held at the Northeast State Police Information Network Headquarters in Franklin MA. This course gives advanced training to investigators in using cell phone records to track suspects by linking them to cell phone towers, therefore determining if a suspect is in close proximity to a particular crime.

On Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Chief James Cetran and Lieutenants Andrew Power attended the **“Capital Region Chiefs of Police Recertification”** training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. The training this month was on the topics of Crisis Intervention (CIT), youth trends, and ethics in policing. This was the conclusion of this training which had been held once per month since October 2012.

On Tuesday May 21, 2013, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a one day class entitled **“Surviving the Defense In Court.”** The training was held at the Manchester Country Club,

Manchester CT. Course topics included how to properly testify in court in regards to Child investigations of Sexual Trauma and Head/Shaken Baby Trauma.

During the week of May 20-24, 2013 the WPD Training Unit conducted “**Spring 2013 Firearms Training.**” Thirty-seven (37) officers participated in this training. Training was held at the Berlin Police/ Mattabasset Gun Range, Berlin, CT. Officers were required to complete a 60 round qualification course, which all officers successfully passed. Officers also completed two point-instinctive courses. The first point-instinctive course emphasized moving and shooting. The second point-instinctive course emphasized close quarter combat shooting while under timed, stressful circumstances. Officers were required to take a written test on the nomenclature of the Glock handgun. All officers passed this test.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 78 police-related alarms in month of May. Residential locations made up 46 (59%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 27 (35%), and State / Town government made up 5 (6%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 67 burglar and 5 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,626 alarm registrations on file, 68 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 95% compliance rate. Twenty new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,975 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 180 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 148 items of correspondence sent out.

The Department is currently at full strength with the hiring of two certified officers, and the previous hiring of two entry-level officers. A high demand for private duty officers (road construction) continues; staffing demands are being met with the assistance of three other police departments. The mutual aid reduces the amount order-ins for Wethersfield officers and will prevent fatigue and low morale.

## **Detective Division**

On 5/25/2013, patrol and detectives responded to an armed robbery of an employee outside Dynamic Coin. The suspect fired two shots in the direction of the victim, striking the victim's vehicle once. The robbers fled the scene, but detectives have located and seized the suspect vehicle. The detectives have developed a suspect in the case; the case is open.

On 5/30/2013, detectives responded to a credit card fraud at Sterling Jewelers. The suspect has been identified; the case is open.

## **Juvenile Detective**

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 41 incidents, involving approximately 61 juveniles. In these incidents: 2 juveniles were arrested for criminal

violations, 1 was diverted to school punishment, 3 were diverted to parental punishment and 6 were diverted to the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

## **School Resource Officer**

During the month of May the SRO covered a total of forty-one incidents including activities at the school; these incidents were entered into the School Cop database.

Three incident reports were completed. All three of the reports were for larceny (one cellular phone, money, and an iPod). One case was resolved with no arrest; victim dropped the complaint.

School was not in session May 24, 2013 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. There were no arrests at the school during the month of May.

The SRO assisted the School Administration with three truancy cases at the school involving a total of seven students.

The School Administrators and the SRO held mediations for two cases with a total of seven students. These verbal conflicts were interceded before they elevated to a physical nature. One case involved an ongoing disagreement between several male students. The other dispute developed between two males who were believed to have been "disrespected" by the other.

The SRO handled three trespassing complaints regarding both students (after school hours) and adults on school grounds during school hours.

The SRO did selective enforcement on Harold Street for juvenile tobacco violations after receiving a complaint from faculty.

The SRO assisted with a domestic assault involving a student victim of domestic violence (occurred in another jurisdiction). CSP responded.

The SRO assisted with seven other disorderly situations regarding various issues with students.

The SRO (and two other WPD members, Sergeant Connolly and Officer Poulin) spoke in Mr. Palazzo's Career Preparation class. Topics discussed were the hiring process of an entry level law enforcement officer and the various assignments available to officers.

The SRO attended SRBI (Student Research Based Intervention) meetings during the month of May pertaining to at risk students.

The SRO participated in two sessions of the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

The SRO handled five motor vehicle complaints stemming from various violations on school grounds by both students and non-students.

The SRO spoke at the Junior/Senior Class Assembly and participated in the “Pre Prom DWI Accident Reenactment” on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The SRO attended an offsite meeting with Guidance Counselors. The meeting which was for a select group of students who will be involved in a revamped “Peer Mediation” set to be implemented in the new school year. The SRO spoke about additional responsibilities these selected students can assist with during their time at WHS.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Support Services Bureau officers continue to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and at several town schools.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement 71 different times spending approximately 46 hours 46 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Linden Street, Main Street, Maple Street and Jordan Lane.

A traffic study on Linden Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of nineteen (19) days. The speed limit in this area is posted at 25 MPH. During the 376.75 survey hours, 9,831 cars were recorded, averaging 26 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 27 MPH, the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 27.75 MPH, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of approximately 33.75 MPH and a top speed of 57 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during May, 2013:

- On Marsh Street east of Main Street: Install Pedestrian Crossing warning sign with Diagonal Downward Pointing Arrow supplemental plaque at crosswalk on Marsh Street east of Main Street both eastbound and westbound directions. Use signs with fluorescent yellow-green background with black legend and border.
- On Greenfield Street at the playground: Install ‘Authorized Vehicles Only’ signs on both sides of the Greenfield Street playground access road, both facing Greenfield Street.
- On Beaver Road: Install ‘Wrong Way’ signs at the following locations on Beaver Road:
  - Below the ‘One Way’ sign on the west side of the road opposite the entrance to Farley Sullivan Funeral Home, #34 Beaver Road. New pole needed.
  - Below the ‘One Way’ sign on the east side of the road between #34 and #54 Beaver Road. New pole needed.
  - Below the two ‘One Way’ signs on either side of the street at the intersection with the Silas Deane Highway near Bank of America, 600 Silas Deane Hwy. (These two are CT State DOT signs and poles – we received permission to add these signs to their poles – cannot change the poles, need to find a way to attach to current pole.)
- On Western Boulevard at Crest Street:

- Replace stop sign pole with new breakaway pole on the southeast corner of the intersection. (Current pole too short and is bent.)
- Install 'All Way' plaques under all four of the stop signs.
- Check mounting height of the all four stop signs to ensure a minimum height of 5' from the bottom of the stop signs.
- For the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, cones, barricades, and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets, including State Street, Nott Street, Garden Street, Church Street, Main Street and Broad Street, in Old Wethersfield.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Cadets will be receiving CPR and First Aid training during the month of June 2013.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for June, 2013.

The annual 5K Keane Foundation Road Race will be held on Sunday June 2, 2013 at 11 AM.

The Wethersfield High School Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2013.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Officers from the Wethersfield Police Department participated in the semi-annual "Click It or Ticket" enforcement wave period that was held from May 20, 2013 through June 2, 2013. Below is a summary of the activity during that time period:

	# of Citations	# of Warnings
Seatbelt	67	36
Child Restraint	1	0
DUI/DUI Related	2	0
Speed	16	7
Other Traffic	26	75
Non-traffic Violations/Criminal	21	0



	May 2012	May 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	85	63	382	365
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	2	2	17	12
Commercial Burglaries	3	0	12	0
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	1
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	11	6	40	16
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	186	233	988	826
DUI	11	14	60	43
MV Crashes	64	58	247	234
Parking Tags	27	24	153	172
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	985	941	4062	4137
Alarm Responses	60	78	322	301
Records Requests	232	195	1091	1091
Prisoners Transported	15	18	69	70
Child Car Seat Installations	9	12	30	41